

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
EASTERN ZONE BENCH, KOLKATA
(THROUGH PHYSICAL HEARING WITH HYBRID MODE)**

Appeal No.20/2023/EZ

NTPC Ltd, Pakri-Barwadhi Coal Mining Project

Appellant(s)

Versus

The State of Jharkhand & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 16.01.2024

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B. AMIT STHALEKAR, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. ARUN KUMAR VERMA, EXPERT MEMBER**

For Appellant(s) : Mr. Sanjay Jain, Sr. Advocate (in Virtual Mode) a/w
Mr. Uttam Kumar Mandal, Advocate & Mr. Adhars
Tripathi, Advocate (in Virtual Mode)

For Respondent(s) : Ms. Aishwarya Rajyashree, Adv. for 1,3,5&6, (in Virtual Mode)

ORDER

1. Mr. Sanjay Jain, learned Senior Counsel (in Virtual Mode) assisted by Mr. Uttam Kumar Mandal and Mr. Adhars Tripathi (in Virtual Mode), Counsel are present for the Appellant.
2. Rejoinder affidavit dated 09.01.2024 has been filed on behalf of the Appellant; the same is taken on record.
3. No one is present on behalf of the Respondent Nos.2&4, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.
4. We find that as per our previous order dated 23.11.2023 the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change was required to file its counter-affidavit. The said affidavit has not been filed.
5. The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Respondent Nos.2&4, is granted further three weeks time for filing counter-affidavit.
6. Interim order granted on 01.08.2023 is extended till the next date of listing.

7. **List on 02.04.2024.**

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B. Amit Sthalekar, JM

January 16, 2024,
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Dr. Arun Kumar Verma, EM